FINE SPEECH OF MR. SIPE

The Member Pays a Glowing Tribute to Loc.

FOR COMPOSITE STATUE

Bill Offered to Commemorate the Deeds of Lee and His Generals in Marble and Bronze-Measure Referred to Finance Committee.

One of the distinct features of the House proceedings yesterday was the introduction into that body by Hon. George D. Sipe, of Rockingham, of a bill to for the crection of a composite monument on the Capitol Square of Lee and his generals. Mr. Sipe, who is one of the strong lawyers of the body, made an eloquent speech in offering the bill, and was loudly cheered by his colleagues

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The remarks of the gentleman from Rockingham were as follows;

"Mr. Speaker, I trust I may have the permission of the Chair and the consent of the House for a very brief explanation of the objects of a bill I have now to present.

"And this indulgance is sought with less reluctance because I cannot doubt that the merit of the measure will attract the sympathy if not the active support of every member on this floor,

"Mr. Speaker, while addressing ourselves to the problems and duties of the new century, we are also concerned to selves to the problems and duties of the new century, we are also concerned to commemorate the achievements of the old; and, accordingly, commendable ef-forts are now pending for the crection of monuments to the memory of those, who, by the valor of their deeds and the virtue of their lives, have rendered li-lustrous the history of the Common-wealth.

STAY OUT OF ERROR. sir, the best accomplishment of

this sublime purpose demands that dis-cretion shall guide the endeavors of zeal, lest, by hasty measures in behalf by hasty measures in behalf of celebrities, however meritorious, may be wanting, incongruous methods adopted, and the result disap-

pointing,
"That we may keep our feet from this
way of error and bend our future efforts to higher ideals, permit me to commend to your earnest contemplation an
object lesson on which your vision daily
falls. Yonder towards our northern gate
stands an effigy suggesting such reverence for the original and such admiration for the patriotic beneficence of the
generous founder as to forbid even a
thought of disparagement.
"And yonder, too, toward the west,

thought of disparagement.

"And yonder, too, toward the west, stands in marbel a giant of the olden times, "The Mill Boy of the Slashes."

"Both are noble in their isolation, but how rarely does the passer by turn aside from the beaten paths of these grounds to behold them. But there through our western windows we behold rising in heroic grandeur another and a different monument, whose fame, as a great work of art, whose followed to the ends of the earth the mighty names whose glory it was of art, whose followed to the ends of the arth the mighty names whose glory it was reared to proclaim. The citizen and the stranger alike lincor with delight about its pedestals and anon come back to gaze again. You and I, sir, though we have been wont to pass that spot since our youth, yet pause as we pass to-day to catch again a moment's inspiration from the exalted art expressed in that mighty memorial.

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"And now, sir, the object of this bill is to make provision for the ultimate srection of a similar structure, upon which shall stand the immortal group of Lee and his generals.

"As they are associated upon the pages of a wonderful history, so should they go down together in bronze and marble befitting the great genius and noble ideals exemplified in their lives, for the delight and inspiration of the coming ages. And here on this old Capitoline of the Commonwealth its foundations should be laid, anchored in the abiding affection of a loyal people and safe from the cavils of hostile critics, it will stand—if not in a hall of fame—surely on a hill of honor."

HOW THE BILL READS.

The full text of Mr. Sipo's bill is as follows:

The General Assembly of Virginia, desiring to give expression to the reverence of the people of the Commonwealth for the virtues of her beloved sons, Robert E. Lee, Thomas J. Jackson, J. E. B. Stuart. Joseph B. Johnston, Ambrose P. Hill and Matthew F. Maury, and deeming that the most suitable outward expression of its admiration and love is by the erection of a noble and worthy monument, dedicated to the memory of these illustrious sons;

dedicated to the memory of these illustrious sons;

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia, that the Executive be, and he is hereby authorized to appoint commissioners, not less that five nor more than fifteen in number, who shall thereupon be and become a body politic and corporate under the name of "The Lee Anument Commission."

Second. That the Auditor of Public Accounts shall on the 1st day of February, 1904, and annually thereafter on said 1st day of February of each and every year, until and including the year 1908, draw his warrant upon the public Treasury in favor of the treasurer of said commission for the sum of ten thousand dollars, (\$10,000) to be paid out of any money therein not otherwise appropriated, which aums, as the same are received, shall be invested by the commission and the interest accruing thereon be re-invested as well.

Third. The said Commission shall is severed.

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Third. The said Commission shall solect out of its number such officers as they see proper, including a treasurer, and shall take from him such bond and security as shall be deemed sufficient, and any vacancies on the Commission is hall by filled by appointment by the Executive, and said Commission is authorized to receive donations to said fund, and shall invest the same in the same manner as the funds received from the public treasury.

Fourth, The said monument shall be erected in the Capitol Square of Virginia, in the city of Richmond, upon such location as the Commission shall designate, and design as the Washington monument, the statue of Lee bearing the same relation thereto as that of Washington to the Washington monument.

As soon as said fund amounts to the sum of fifty thousand dollars, the said commission shall determine upon the design of the said monument and shall thereupon proceed its erection as soon as practicable.

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Wants to be a Policeman,

Major Howard received a letter yes-rerday from a man at Clarksville, Va., seeking knowledge concerning the way to get on the police force here. He said he had served several years in the United States army, and was a Mason and Odd-Fellow.

Fellow.

He got a reply that to be eligible for a member of the force here he must have lived in the city at least a year and be able to show a tax receipt for that year.



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Writes Letter to Clark Howell Dealing With Southern

JUSTIFICATION

Appointments.

(By Associated Press., WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—The full text of President Roosevelt's letter to Clark Howell, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, regarding southern appoint ments on abstract of which was published this morning, was made public to In beginning his letter, which is dated February 24th, President Roosevelt

opionion of the gentleman you mention, and if the opportuniary occurs I shall be glad to do anything I can for him.

"Now as to what you say concerning Federal appointments in the South: Frankly it seems to me that my appointments speaks for themselves, and that my policy is self-explanatory. So far from feeling that they need the slighest apology or justification, my position is that on the strength of what I have done I have the right to claim the support of all good ditizens who wish not only a high standard of Federal service, but fair and equitable dealing to the South as well as to the North, and a policy of consistent justice and good will toward all men."

Further along the President says: "I have scant sympathy with the mere doctrinaire, with the man of mere theory, who refuses to face facts; but do you not think that in the long run it is safer for everybody if we act on the matto, 'All men up,' rather than that of 'Some men down'?

"In your own State of Georgia you are competent to judge from your own experiences. In the greet bulk of the cases I have reappointed President McKinley's appointees. The changes I have man at Atlanta, were, as I think you will akree, shanged for the better, and not for the worse. It happens that in each of those offices I have appointed a white man to succeed a colored man.

"If you know of any Federal office-holder in Georgia of whom this is not true, pray let me know at once. I will welcome testimony from you or from any other reputable citizen which will tend to show that a given public-officer is unworthy; and, most emphatically, short will be the shift of any one whose lack of worth is proven."

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Referring to the fact that a large percentage of the incumbents of Federal offices in Georgia are Democrats, the President says: "But they are supported by me in every way as long as they continue to render good and faithful service to the public.

"I have good reason to believe that my appointees in the different States mentioned— and as the sum of the parts is the whole, necessarily in the South at large—represent not merely an improvement upon these whose places they took, but upon the whole a higher standard of Federal service than has hitherto been attained in the communities in question.

FOUR THOUSAND GO TO BOSTOCK'S SHOW

Never since the opening day has Bostook's evinced such popularity as yester-day, the beautiful weather bringing out large crowds to this popular place of large crowds to this popular place of amusement, and it was estimated that over 4,000 people availed themselves of the opportunity to renew their acquaintance with natural and zeological lore. "Orab," the baby gorilla, is a prime favorite with all visitors. The programme this week consists of "Happy Hoolgan," Mr. Roberts in his conception of the training of baby animals, which display remarkable intelligence, Bobby Mack's dogs and monkeys, the beautiful and imperials tigers of India and Captain Bonavitu's masterpiece of animal training and grouping the pyramids of the Pan-American Exposition. A programme that is highly enjoyed by all visitors.



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Preparations for a Great Public Celebration.

THE THIRD WEEK IN JUNE

The Question Discussed by Ministers of Centenary Methodist Church Yesterday, but Nothing Definite

Methodist pasters of Richmond for a great public celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the birthday of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. The anniversary falls in the third week of June; the observance of the occasion is designed to extend through two days or near of that week.

At the meeting of the ministers a

Centenary Methodist Church yesterday morning the question came up for discussion, but no final action was taken The report of a special committee, com-

cussion, but no final action was taken. The report of a special committee, composed of the Revs, R. M. Maxey, W. A. Cooper and John Hannon, D. D., was received. Several recommendations were made, but the whole matter was laid over until next Monday, when something definite will be decided. It was desired by the committee that this be done in order that the pastors might have time to consider the matter.

The report of the special committee gives some idea of the kind of celebration contemplated. Whether it will be adopted or not is, of course, a matter for future consideration, but in any event the plan finally adopted will in all probability follow the general line suggested in these resolutions.

The birthday of Wesley falls on the 17th of June, which is on Wednesday, II is recommended that on the Bunday proceding every Methodist pastor in Richmond preach on the lifte and labors of the great religious leader and teacher. This will be designed as a concreted movement for the exposition of the principles of Methodism as taught by Wesley. Recommendations in the report are for two big public mass meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 16th and 17th, to be held probably in the Academy of Music. Among the speakers will be some Methodist divires of national fame. Three names have been suggested—those of the New York Advocate, probably the greatest and most influential Methodist alive: Bishop Galloway, of Mississippi, styed the most eloquent minister in the denomination in the Bouth, and Dr. John C. Kilgo, the widely known president of Trinity College. y College. first of the mass meetings will be

The first of the mass meetings will be for the general public; the second for men only. At the latter it is recommended in the report that as a further means of commemorating the work of Wesley and crystallizing the sentiment aroused by the occasion, steps be taken looking to the formation of a great Methodist union of Richmond, Manchester and vicinity. The union will be composed of laymen, and will be for the general purpose of furthering the work of Methodists in Richmond.

FIREMEN'S RELIEP

BILL COMES UP TO-DAY

The House will take up the Bland firenen's relief bill as a special order at 12:30 o'clock to-day, and there will be interesting fight over its passage. Mr. Bland has struggled for six years to get the measure through, and for the first time he has succeeded in getting a favorable report from the House Finance Committee.

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Chairman Boaz will fight the bill and he will be supported by other members.

Captain John H. Redwood, of this city, chairman of the Legislative Committee of the State Firemen's Association; Captain R. L. Herbert, of Portsmouth; Captain R. L. Herbert, of Portsmouth; Captain J. H. Trymer, of Alexandria; Chief T. J. Williams, of Charlottesville, and Captain R. C. Marshall, of Portsmouth, are here in the interest of the bill and were talking it up with the members last night.

The bill carries an appropriation of \$2,500, which is to be a nucleus, to be augmented by the various local associations for a permanent fund, to so used to relieve disabled firemen and their widows and orphans.

DR. PENFIELD FIKES' FIRST SERMON HERE

The Rev. Maurice Penfield Fikes, of Baltimore, arrived yesterday afternoon. and last night preached his first sermon at the Grace-Street Baptist Church. mon at the Grace-Street Baptist Uniform. There was a large audlence present, and they were thrilled by the sermon. His theme was: "The Best Thing in the World—the Love of God," which he presented in a most masterly and eloquent manner. He discussed the breadth of God's love, which he took to indicate its territorial extent; its length, which, he said, suggrested its time-measurement; lig depth, which meant the divine condocension to the lowest human need, and its height, which indicated the great glory to which the soul is lifted up by God's redeeming love.

Dr. Fikes sermon could not be reported in its eloquence, its enthusiasm, its word-painting and its pathos.

"Love," he said, "will be the key-word of the meetings." No call was made for any demonstration of interest, but the congregation was greatly moved. There will be meetings at the church, conducted by Dr Fikes at 4 o'clock this afternoon and at 8 o'clock this evening, to which everybody will be welcome. There was a large audience present, and

MR. E. G. AKERS OUT FOR COMMISSIONER

Mr. E. G. Akers, who for many years has been clerk to the Railroad Commissioner, and who was chosen commissloner at the opening of the present ses sion of the Legislature to succeed Gension of the Legislature to succeed General James C. Hill, who did not stand for re-election, will be pressed by his friends for the position of Insurance Commissioner if the bill recently passed by the Senate creating a Bureau of Insurance shall become law.

It will be recalled that the Constitutional Convention abolished the office of Railroad Commissioner from March ist. Mr. Akers, therefore, never enjoyed the fruits of the position.

Several members of the Legislature are hard at work for Mr. Akers, and they claim that he will make a fine run for Insurance Commissioner, if the pending bill shall pass.

Small Pill.

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DR. HAWTHORNE TO LEGISLATORS

LEAVENING AGENT

FOR BREAD.

One Can Carries

Conviction.

Fine Sermon by the Pastor of Grove-Avenue Sunday Morning

At the Grove Avenue Baptist Church Sunday morning, Dr. J. B. Hawthorne preached to a large congregation on the text. "Wherever the body is the eagles will be gathered together." Quite a num ber of the members of the Legislature

were present. Speaking of government and nations, Dr. Hawthorno said:

"The life of a nation is righteousness. By righteousness in the conduct of a nation, I do not mean religious or spirituality in the usual sense of those terms, but honest purpose, honest speech, honest laws and fair dealing with sister nations. The nation of haracterized by such right-cousness will live. Its subjects will stand by it, uphold its ensign and maintain the dignity, majesty and independence in overy crisis of its history. But when it becomes unmindful or careless of the distinction between right and wrong; when it logislates in the interest of vice and crime, and when those who are charged with administration of its government can be subsidized with the mone of rich and oppressive combinations of men; when it turns a deaf ear to Godloving and virtue-loving wives, mothers and daughters who plead for the protections of their homes and altars; when it takes counsel of godless corporations and remorseless gamblers, barkeepers and harlots, and when it extends its commerce and dominion by unjust invasion and unholy conquests, it becomes a dead nation, and destruction stands waiting at its door. Ten thousand vultures will hover over it and scream with impatient class; to devour it. There will be internal strifes; class will rise against class, interest, institution against institution; the rich will despise the poor and the poor will hate the irich; rime, greed, ambition, maddening want the poor and the poor will hate the rich crime, greed, ambition, maddening wani and fierce despair will join together in wild revolt and rend it asunder."

CAPT. A. F. MAYS STRICKEN AT WORK

Captain A. F. Mays, member of the House from Patrick, was stricken while in attendance upon one of the House committees yesterday afternoon, with a

committees yesterday afternoon, with a severe attack of cholera morbus, and was extremely ill for a long time.

Captain Mays ate some cucumbers and other vegetables for dinner and was taken violently ill in a committee room about 5 o'clock. He was taken down into Captain OBannon's office and Drs. Ware and Hoffman, of the House, were hastly summoned. They worked faithfully upon their patient until late last night, when, after considerable sleeping, he was able to be taken to his rooms on Esat Clay Street. It is believed that Captain Mays is now out of danger and will pull through all right.

CALLED MEETING OF EAST END GUN CLUE

A called meeting of the East End Gur Club will be held in the office of Harris Flippen & Company, No. 1807 East Main Street, Wednesday at 8 o'clock P. M.
All members are carnestly requested to
be present, as business of importance is
to be attended to.
Any one who wishes to become a member can do so at this meeting.

Funeral of Mr. Hardgrove

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The remains of Mr. William H. Hardgrove, who died Saturday night in Stunt, Va., reached here yesterday afternoon and were taken to the residence of Mr. W. D. Sutherland, No. 710 East Franklin Street, where the funeral takes place this afternoon The Interment will be made in Hellywood.

Mr. Hardgrove formerly lived in Manchester, where he had many friends. He was the brother of Mrs. W. D. Sutherland and Mrs. C. W. Tanner, of this city, and Mrs. S. A. Coleman, of New York. He married Miss Elizabeth Graves, of Chesterfield county. He was the son of Mrs. Salile E, Hardgrove and the late William H. Hardgrove.

Captain Ople no Better. The condition of Captain J. N. Ople, of Staunton, remains practically unchanged, though he had a fairly good day yesterday. The popular Senator is having every attention, both from his physicians and colleagues in the Legislature.

Richmonders in New York Richmonders in New York.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, March 2.—Richmond arrivals at New York hotels:
Cosmopolitan, G. J. Marlow and wife;
St. Denis, Mrs. W. M. Dickinson, Mrs.
W. H. Gordon; Albemarie, H. T. Meloney; Manhattan, C. L. Kirk.
Gregorian, S. S. Shields; Marlboro, J.
A. Lowis; Grand Union, H. T. Moloney.



CAMPBELL CASE NOT UP

Committee Met, but Did Not Discuss it.

TO REPORT ON THURSDAY

Commission Merchants Talk on Owen Bill-Toy Pistols Bill Reported-Mr. Smith Gets His Bail Commissioner Measure Through.

There were no new developments in the Campbell-Crawford case yesterday. Courts of Justice Committee held a regufar meeting, but the matter was only incidentally touched upon, as a large number of the menbers were absent. To-morrow afternoon the body will med-again, when the reports will be signed if they shall have been completed in the

if they shall have been completed in the meantime.

It is not known positively who is at work upon them, but they will probably be given attention by several of the ablest lawyers on the committee.

Judge Campbell is expected back by Thursday, when, it is thought, the two reports will be laid before the House.

The friends of Judge Campbell are very active, and a member of the House said yeaterday that prominent men from out in the State were expected here in the next day or two to take a hand in the case.

case.

There seems to be no gnestion in any quarter that the majority report will be against Judge Campbell, and one of the biggests fights of the session is expected on the floor.

It is said that a majority of the Richmond delegation will vote to acquit Judge Campbell, and it is well understood that the Judge has many strong friends on the floor of the body.

Hon. W. H. Lewis, of Fauquier, has just returned from his home, and says he found his people appearently in favor of gustaining Judge Campbell.

sustaining Judge Campbell. The commission merchants of the city are not opposed to the spirit of the Owen bill recently offered in the House to compel them to make more prompt returns to shippers for goods sold.

The Press Committee of the Local Commission Merchants' Exchange yesterday gave out the following statement on the subject:

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"We believe the purpose of the Owen bill is all right, and every member of the Richmond Fruit and Produce Association will co-operate with its patron in protecting the farmer from fraudt and impositions, for the principles of honesty and fuir dealing are the foundation stones upon which our association is built, and we want a high standard for our trade. We are not so foolish as to claim that all commission men are honest. We have our black sheep, no doubt, as have all other callings. We would like to see enacted a statute giving every shipper the right to demand within a reasonable time the name and address of the persons to whom we sell their goods, and the only objection we see to Mr. Owen's bill is that it requires us to give such a statement to shippers who do not ask nor desire it, thereby placing upon us a large amount of unnecessary work and a greatly increased expense."

The General Laws Committee of the House yesterday afternoon reported favorably a bill offered by Hon. Charles T. Bland, of Portsmouth, to punish persons for selling or having in their possession toy pistols, whether of one kind or another.

toy pistols, whether of one limit at sixteen other.

The bill places the age limit at sixteen years, and persons under that age who come into possession of toy pistols are subject to both fine and imprisonment, any person who shall either subject to both fine and imprisonment, along with any person who shall either sell or give such pistois to such minors. Mr. Bland is earnestly in favor of the bill, and its necessity was suggested by the large number of necidents resulting from the promiscuous sale and use of toy pistois last Christmas. The bill will likely pass both houses and become law.

Two companion bills of interest were Two companion bills of interest were passed by the House yesterday—one providing for the appointment of a bail commissioner for the several counties by the judges of the respective circuits, and the other prescribing his duties whon so appointed. Two important features of the bills are the requirement that he shall have the powers of a judge of the circuit court in all bail matters. Should the bills pass the Senate they will be operative as general laws on and after February 1, 1904.

The bill offered in the House by Hon. John Whitehead, of Norfolk, to create a Board of Examiners for Stationary En-gineers has been made a special order for 4 o'clock P, M. on Thursday next by the House Committee on Manufactures and Mechanics' Arts. The bill is backed by the State Association . Stationary En-

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The crews of the tug Lucile Ross and three barges of the Richmond Cadar Works fleet witnessed the storm that sent soventeen passengers of the steamer Olive to a watery grave in the Chowan River about ton days ago. The brew and the boats suffered from the storm considerably. One of the fremen of the Ross while standing on the deck was rendered unconsolous by being struck with a log flying through the air, driven by the storm.

Captain Samuel Patrick, of the barges, who has spent the best portion of his life upon the water and has traveled considerably, in speaking of the storm, said:

"It was the worst I have experienced in all my life. Our fleet was lying at a wharf on the Chowan River, loading with cedar logs. The storm came up all at once and dashed us right and left. The bow of the tug was driven up into the wharf, tearing the wharf to plecos and wrecking the, pilot house and smoke stack. The barges were switched to and fro like row boats. The cyclone swept the logs wolghing several hundred pounds from off the dock and barges as if they were straws. Some of them were hurled for a hundred yards. We owe our lives to the same fate as the crew of the Olive. The storm lasted about five minutes."

In a powerful sermon at Fulton Baptist Church Sunday night Rev. W. S. Leake, armed with statistics and drew several flustrations to prove his statements.

Fulton Conclave, Knights of Damon will meet to-night at Nelson's Hall.

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Will meet to-night at Nelson's Hall.
Mabel, the savon-year-old daughter of
Chief Fred Rice, is quite sick, at the
residence of her father, on Denny

The laundry wagon of Mr. John How-ier was robbed of about \$15 worth of laundry Saturday night while Mr. Bow-ler was delivering a package on Graham street. He has no clue to the thief.

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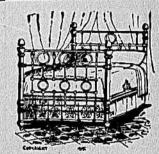
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CELEBRATES THE **CAT'S BIRTHDAY**

Annual Event in the Quiet Life of Mr. Briggs'

everybody had a good time, is well known by all his neighbors and

Every year when the 28th of February comes around, the cat has a big celebration in her honor. Mr. Briggs has a whole lot of nice things cooked for the kitty, and all the children in the circle

whole lot of files things cooked for the kitty, and all the childron in the circle of Mr. Briggs acquaintance are invited to help the kitty have a good time.

In the first place, there are some games, in which the cat takes part; then a course dinner is served, during which the cat enjoys choice tid-bits of all the delicacies, including turkey, oysters, meats, etc., with milk as a dessert.

The guests are not overlooked. They, too, have a feast fit for the children of the gods, and then after some more games, the children go home and got after their parents to get them some kittens like Mr. Briggs' Tabby, and Tabby herself with her nice new ribbon around her neck, and all done up in her best, goes into the store and takes a nap in the warmest and cosiest of spots. The birthday party is one of the little events, in the busy life of Mr. Briggs, Next year, if Tabby doesn't pass away, another party will be given, and Mr. Briggs will again invite his little neighbors,

Property Transfers.

Richmond: John A. Coke and wife to John A. Coke, Jr., 20 1-6 feet on east side of Thirteenth Street, between Main and

Cary, \$1.

Ambrose McKenney to Martha Frances Ambrose McKenney to Martha Frances Mokenney, 27 feet on east side Becond Street, between Baker and Preston, 35.
Dellah D. Mounteaste to Chris, Sears, 1 foot on State Street, 261-3 feet from southeast corner Fulton, 31.
Henrico: Ida M. Crouch to John H. Hriel, 63 feet on Carrington Street, northwest corner R, 875.
Albert Daniel and wife to John Barber, 15 feet on west side Graham Street, 105 feet from Exin, 1350.
Virginius W. Harrison and wife to Henry B. Atkieson and Arthur B. Saunders, 691-2 feet on Floyd Avenue, southwest corner Park Street, subject to deed of trust for \$000 and interest, \$2,258.75.
John H. Monvigue, wife and R. H.

Bieger, trustee, to C. W. Arnall, 40 foes an south side Ivoy Street, \$200.
Wilmer D. Turner and wife to Josephine F., wife of Benj, M. Rawlings, northern, 10 feet of 10 t 2 and all of lot 4 in block 24, Barton Heights, \$3,160.

Tree Hill School.

The roll of honor for 'Free Hill School's for week ending February 27th is as fol-

Miss Bauer's class-Edna Drinker (5), Tabby.

Mr. A. S. Briggs' cat celebrated its sixteenth birthday last Saturday, and overybody had a good time.

Mr. Briggs keeps a bakery and his cat is well known by all his neighbors and customers

Miss Bauer's class—Edna Drinker (6), Mary Samuels, Lannie Warrenor (7).

Miss Wagner's class—Lloyd Beasley (19), Emmett Drinker (13), Irene Southward (7), Leila Warriner (6), Alice Hake (3).

Clyde Southward (3), Sophia Kus, Annie Kus, Rose Sullivan, Agnes Sullivan, Sullivan, Edwirence Frayser, Eddie Messer, Tim Sullivan.

A READING FROM TENNYSON. "The faith and spirituality of the great poets" is the general subject of a series of inspiring lecture readings which Miss Eugenia L. Aunspaugh is swing under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church. The third lecture to the series will be given this Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, in the pariors of Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Kerr. No. 418 West Grace Street. The special theme of the lecture will be "Thro' Darkness Into Light," and the readings will be from Tennyson's "In Memoriam." Admission 25 cents. poets" is the general subject of a 26 cents.

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